

REMARKS

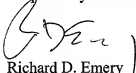
The present Supplemental Amendment is further responsive to the Official Action of March 17, 2008, and is submitted as a supplement to the Preliminary Amendment filed on June 6, 2008 ("the Preliminary Amendment"). The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative during a telephone interview conducted on July 1, 2008. During this interview, the previously cited references, including U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0020744 to Ellis *et al.* ("*Ellis*"), were discussed, as were the claims as amended in the Preliminary Amendment filed on June 6, 2008.

While Applicant respectfully maintains that the claims as presented in the Preliminary Amendment are patentable over the cited references, in response to the interview of July 1, 2008, Claims 1, 2, 10, 15, 25, 32, 33, and 36 have been amended herein. During the interview, the Examiner tentatively agreed that the claim amendments entered herein would be sufficient to overcome the cited references. As such, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims of the present application are in condition for immediate allowance. It is therefore respectfully requested that a Notice of Allowance be issued. The Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney to resolve any remaining issues in order to expedite examination of the present application.

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It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,



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